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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the CITY OF CARSON)
 for an Order authorizing construction)
 of a crossing at separated grades) Application 88-02-001
 between Del Amo Boulevard and the) (Filed February 2, 1988)
 tracks of the Southern Pacific Trans-)
 portation Company, sometimes referred)
 to as the "Del Amo Boulevard Overhead,")
 (PUC No. BG-497.2A), and the closing)
 of Dominguez Street, (PUC BG-497.8).)

OPINION

The City of Carson (City), also acting on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, requests authority to construct Del Amo Boulevard at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) San Pedro and Wilmington Branch Lines in Carson, Los Angeles County. In addition, City also seeks authority to close the adjacent Dominguez Street crossing upon completion of the Del Amo Boulevard grade separation project.

The priority list of grade separation projects for the fiscal year 1987-1988, as set forth in Decision 87-06-016, dated June 15, 1987, shows this project as priority No. 11.

The proposed railroad-highway grade separation project is an essential element in the City of Carson's Master Plan of Major Streets Improvement Program. Del Amo Boulevard is a principal east-west arterial, connecting the Long Beach Freeway SR-710 with Avalon Boulevard. It is also one of the primary routes used by police and other emergency vehicles responding to calls in the easterly portion of the city.

City is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000 et seq. City has

determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under PR Code Section 21080.13.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's exemption determination.

The site of the proposed Del Amo Boulevard overcrossing has been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff has also attended numerous meetings of Southern California Association of Governments' Alameda Corridor Task Force which strongly supports the construction of grade separations along Alameda Street to improve traffic safety. Staff recommends that the application be approved.

City has met the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure including Rule 38, which Rule relates to the construction of public highways across railroads. Detailed drawings of the grade separation and street geometrics are included in Appendix "A" of this order.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 4, 1988. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. City, also acting on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Del Amo Boulevard at separated grades over the tracks of SPT's San Pedro and Wilmington Branch Lines in Carson, Los Angeles County.
2. Construction of the Del Amo Boulevard overcrossing is required to reduce traffic delay and to improve safety for railroad operations.
3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require construction of the Del Amo Boulevard overcrossing.
4. Upon completion of Del Amo Boulevard overcrossing and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing Del Amo Boulevard and

Dominguez Street grade crossings of SPT's San Pedro and Wilmington Branch Lines will be closed and physically removed.

5. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA as amended.

6. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's exemption determination.

7. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

2. The activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in CEQA and, therefore, the Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code-Div.6) concerning the evaluation of projects and the preparation and review of environmental documents do not apply.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Carson (City) also acting in behalf of the County of Los Angeles, is authorized to construct Del Amo Boulevard at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) San Pedro and Wilmington Branch Lines in Carson, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application and to this order, to be identified as Crossing BG-497.2-A.

2. Upon completion of the overcrossing, and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing Del Amo Boulevard (Crossings BG-497.2 and BBM-497.56) and Dominguez Street (Crossings BG-497.80 and BBM-498.08) grade crossings shall be closed and physically removed.

3. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.

4. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by SPT, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

5. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, City shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

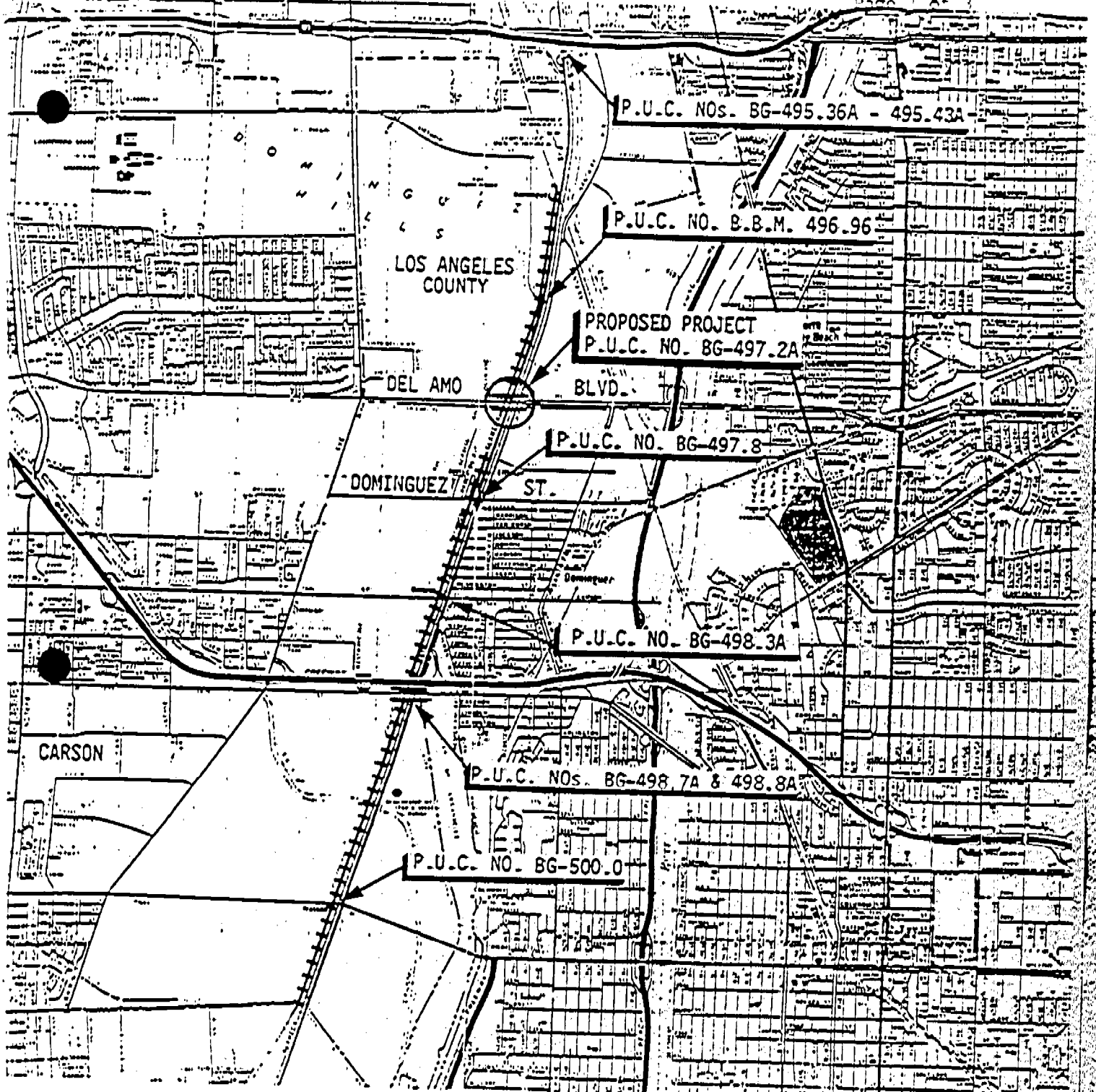
6. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three years unless time is extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

7. The application is granted as set forth above.
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.
Dated MAR 23 1988, at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT
President
DONALD VIAL
FREDERICK R. DUDA
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.


Victor Weisser, Executive Director



**DEL AMO BOULEVARD
AT S.P.T.CO.,
P.U.C. NO. BG-497.2A**

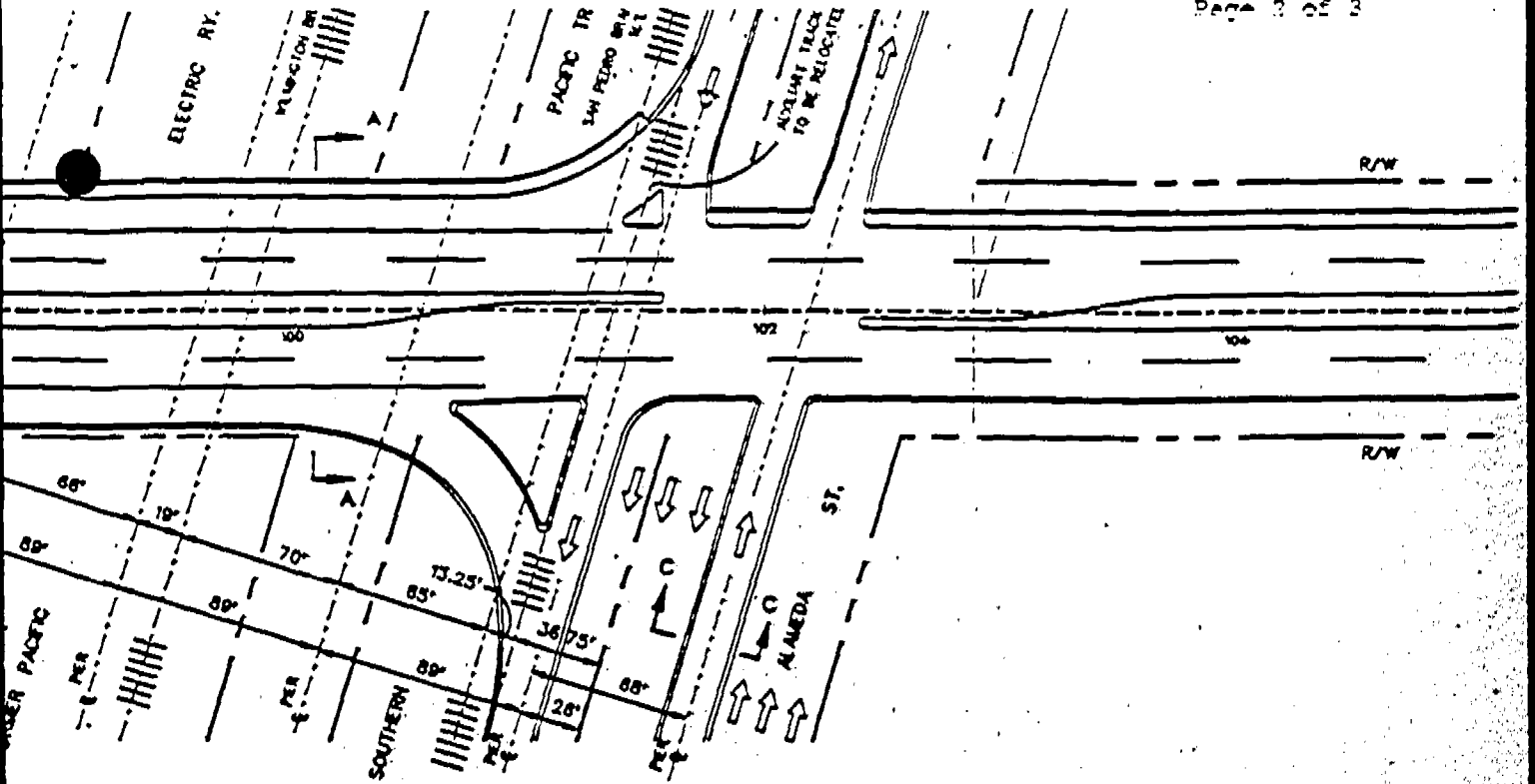
Public Utilities Commission Sheet
EXHIBIT B, SHEET 1

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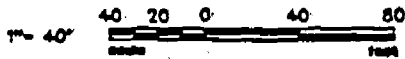
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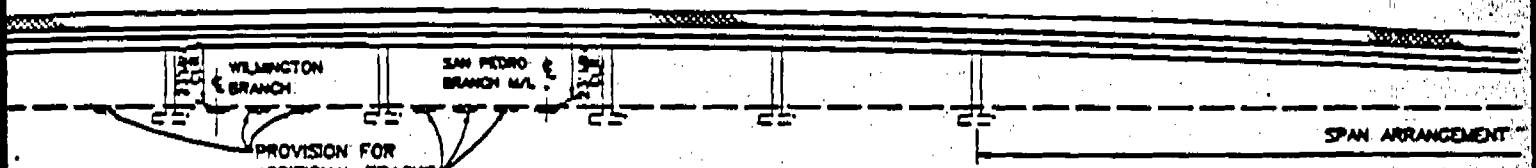


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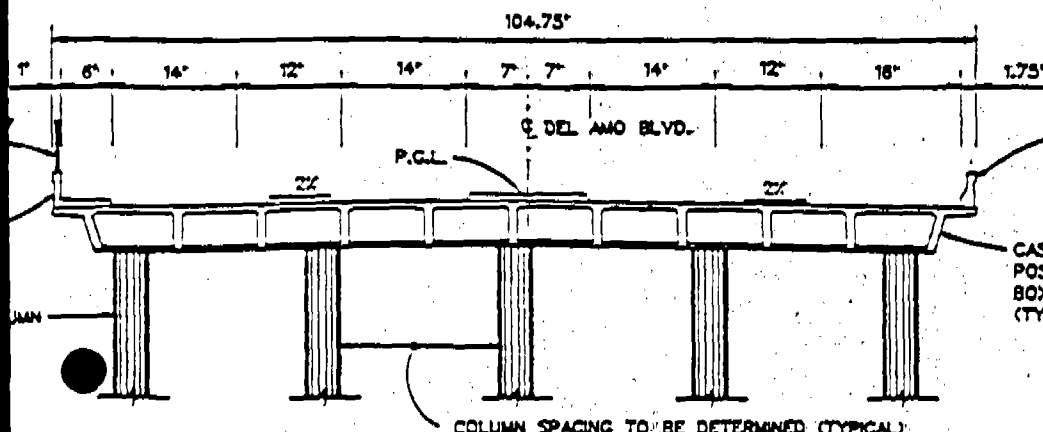
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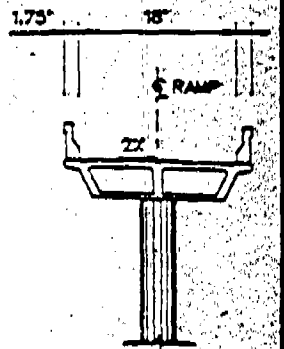
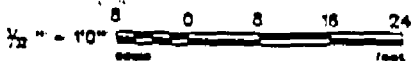
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PROVISION FOR ADDITIONAL TRACKS

ELEVATION



SECTION B-B



SECTION C-C

